

ESTIMATES—CONTINGENT EXPENSES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

LETTER

FROM THE

CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

COMMUNICATING

Estimates of appropriation for the contingent expenses of the House of Representatives.

JULY 10, 1856.—Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

OFFICE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.,
July 8, 1856.

SIR: To enable this office to comply with the resolution of the House of Representatives passed on the 7th instant, it will be necessary to increase the contingent fund of the House.

I would therefore respectfully ask that the appropriation for miscellaneous items be increased to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. CULLOM,
Clerk House of Representatives U. S.

Hon. LEWIS D. CAMPBELL,
Chairman Committee of Ways and Means.

OFFICE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.,
June 19, 1856.

SIR: I transmit herewith the revised estimates for appropriations for the expenses of the House of Representatives for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1857, and respectfully ask that the bill (No. 202) "making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of government for the year ending the 30th of June, 1857," may be amended to correspond therewith.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM. CULLOM,
Clerk House of Representatives U. S.

Hon. L. D. CAMPBELL,
Chairman Committee of Ways and Means.

Object.	Original estimate.	Amended estimate.
1. Compensation of officers, clerks, &c.-----	\$77,646 00	\$79,446 00
<i>Contingent expenses.</i>		
2. Binding documents.-----	125,000 00	125,000 00
3. Furniture repairs, and boxes for books.-----	3,000 00	15,000 00
4. Stationery.-----	12,000 00	15,000 00
5. Horses, carriages, and saddle-horses.-----	4,400 00	5,000 00
6. Fuel, oil and candles.-----	2,500 00	2,500 00
7. Newspapers.-----	12,500 00	12,500 00
8. Engraving, electrotyping, and lithographing.-----	125,000 00	125,000 00
9. Capitol police.-----	5,490 00	5,490 00
10. Miscellaneous items.-----	35,000 00	70,000 00
11. Saddle-horses.-----	300 00	-----
12. Pages and mail-boys.-----	2,632 00	8,400 00
13. Folding documents, paper, twine, &c.-----	20,000 00	40,000 00
14. Congressional Globe and Appendix, 1st Ses. 34th Cong.-----	34,704 00	34,704 00
15. Binding the same.-----	16,657 92	16,657 92
16. Congressional Globe and Appendix, 2d Ses. 34th Cong.-----	-----	17,352 00
17. Binding the same.-----	-----	8,676 00
18. Reporting and publishing the proceedings of the House.-----	21,000 00	15,620 00
19. Clerks on land maps, clerks to committees, and temporary clerks in the office.-----	-----	28,460 00
20. Congressional Globe and Appendix, 100 copies, for the use of the library of the House.-----	-----	4,500 00
21. Furniture for committee-rooms in the south wing of the extension of the Capitol.-----	-----	10,000 00

REMARKS.

No. 1. Increased by the salary of the clerk to the Committee of Ways and Means.

No. 3. The bills for furniture and repairs during the present session, on hand and unpaid, amount to \$6,565 18. The amount required for boxes for books for members will be \$2,500.

No. 4. This item is increased by the amount that will probably be required to pay in money the balances due members.

No. 5. This item is increased by the amount that will be required for saddle-horses.

No. 10. This item is increased by the amount rendered necessary to pay outstanding bills, and to pay \$20,000, the estimated amount of per diem and mileage of contestants for seats in the House during the present session of Congress.

No. 11. This item is added to item No. 5.

No. 12. The increase of this item is for the pay of the pages for three months of this session, and for the pay of page to the Sergeant-at-arms, and the pay of the mail-boys in the post office.

No. 13. Increased in consequence of the great increase of folding consequent upon the Presidential election, and large number of documents ordered to be printed for distribution.

Nos. 16 and 17. These items are added, because the disbursements are to be made during the fiscal year.

No. 18. The estimated cost of reporting the proceedings of the House in the daily Globe, for the Congress, is \$33,000, and \$17,380 was appropriated in the deficiency bill to pay during the present year.

No. 19. Estimated in conformity with the resolution of the House of May 4, 1848, and the resolutions of this session.

No. 20. Estimated in conformity with the resolution of September 28, 1850.

No. 21. The estimated amount for each room is \$1,000. The architect will have ten rooms ready for occupancy prior to the next session of Congress.